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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill No. 365
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***"An Act Concerning Child Endangerment While Driving While Intoxicated
and the Time Limit Under Which to Administer a Test For Blood Alcohol Levels"***

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A SOBER DESIGNATED DRIVER

Thank you Co-Chairman Eric Coleman, Co-Chairman William Tong and members of the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. Bill No. 365, a Child Endangerment Law for Connecticut. I am urging the Judiciary Committee to enact legislation to protect our most vulnerable population, children. In 2014, 209 children were killed in alcohol impaired crashes, 56% (116 innocent children) were the passenger of the drunk driver.

My name is Johanna Krebs and I am the Program Manager and Court Monitoring Specialist for MAD CT. I am presenting documentation of cases that I have monitored in the past 4 years in which DUI offenders have been arrested for DUI with minors in their vehicles – many of them in your own jurisdiction. They are often charged with Risk of Injury to a Minor, and often the charges are reduced. I have observed that drunk driving with a child passenger is a form of child abuse and no child should be put in that kind of danger.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving believes this Committee should support a revision of the current law Risk of Injury to a Minor. We respectfully request that it be named a **Child Endangerment Law** and that it be stand-alone statute M in 14-227a, the DUI Statute.

MADD is seeking appropriate penalties for operating under the influence with a child in the vehicle;



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